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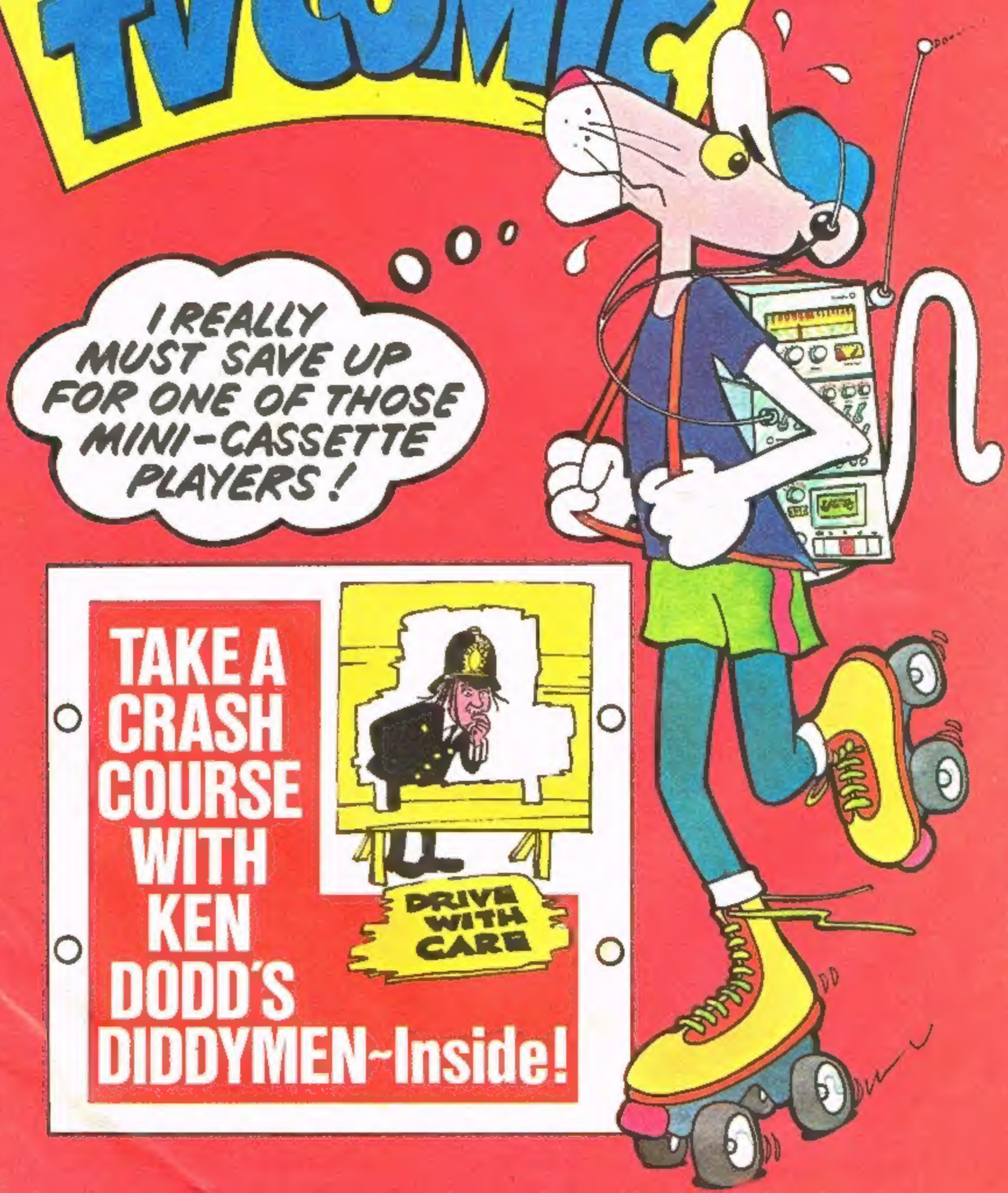
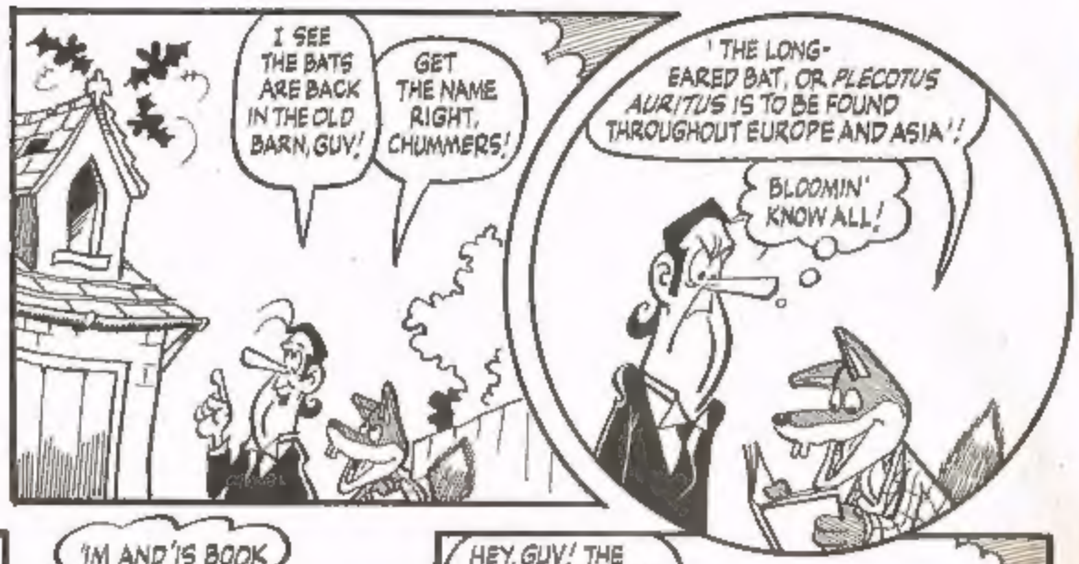


TAKE A CRASH COURSE WITH KEN DODD'S DIDDYMEN~Inside!

BASIL BRUSH

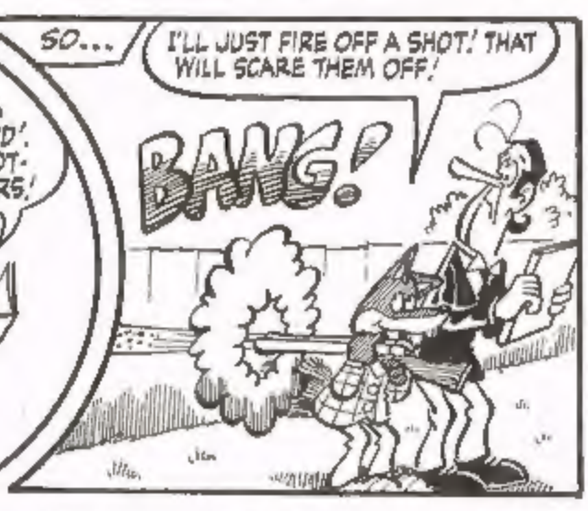

I SEE THE BATS ARE BACK IN THE OLD BARN, GUV!
GET THE NAME RIGHT, CHUMMERS!
'THE LONG-EARED BAT, OR PLECOTUS AURITUS IS TO BE FOUND THROUGHOUT EUROPE AND ASIA'!
BLOOMIN' KNOW ALL!

THE CAULIFLOWERS ARE COMIN' ON NICELY!
BETTER KNOWN TO US EDUCATED TYPES AS BRASSICA OLERACEA!

'IM AND 'IS BOOK OF LATIN NAMES ARE GETTIN' ON MY NERVES!

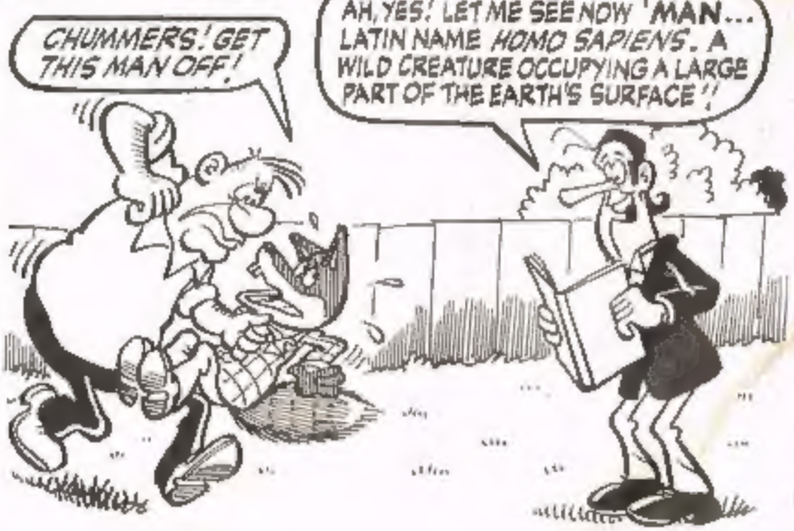
HEY, GUV! THE STARLINGS 'AVE INVADED OUR SEED BED!

AH, YES! 'STURNUS VULGARIS — A EUROPEAN BIRD'. FETCH THE SHOT-GUN, CHUMMERS!

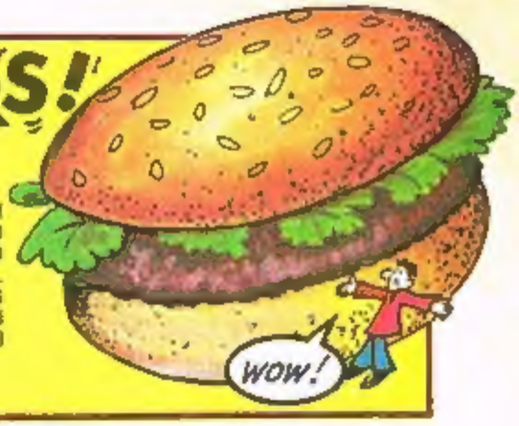

SO...
I'LL JUST FIRE OFF A SHOT! THAT WILL SCARE THEM OFF!
BANG!

YOW!

GRRR! JUST YOU WAIT, BRUSH!

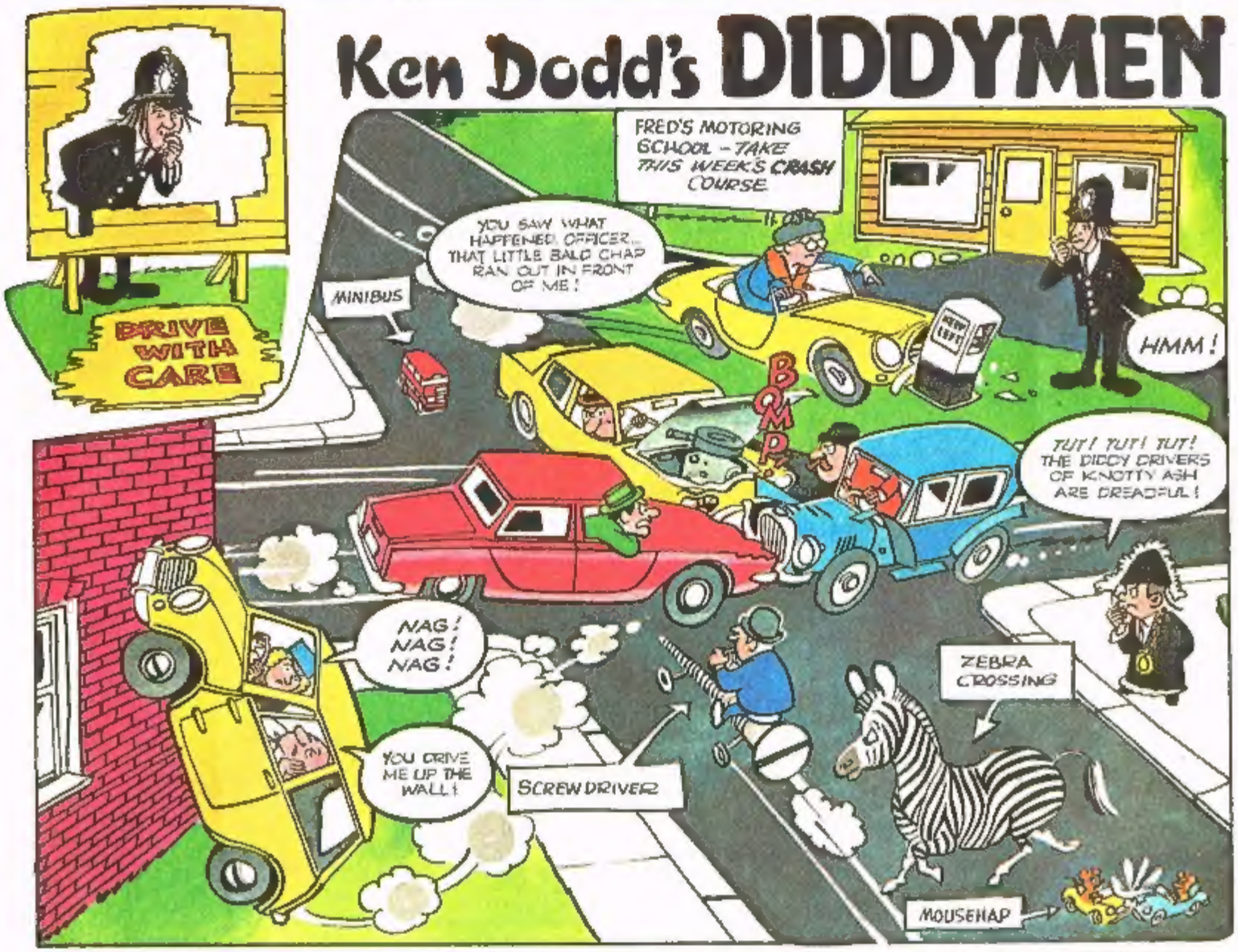

CHUMMERS! GET THIS MAN OFF!
AH, YES! LET ME SEE NOW 'MAN... LATIN NAME HOMO SAPIENS. A WILD CREATURE OCCUPYING A LARGE PART OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE'!

HICCUPING HAMBURGERS!

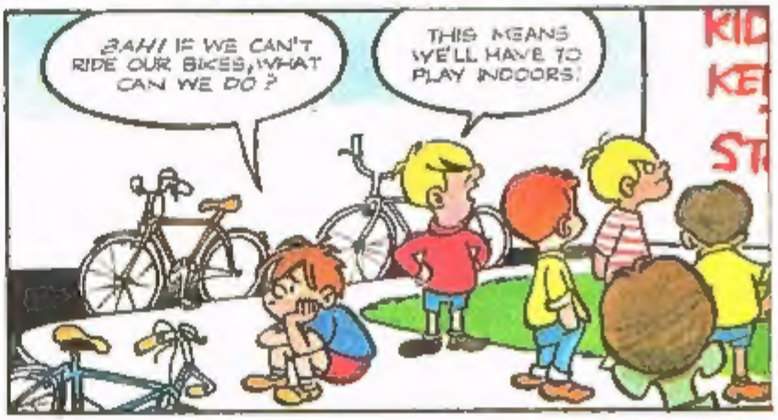


NEXT TIME YOU EAT A HAMBURGER, RELISH THIS! THE RECIPE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEGUN WITH THE TARTARS WHO INVADED THE BALTIC AREA IN MEDIEVAL TIMES. SAILORS TOOK THEM TO GERMANY, THEN NINETEENTH CENTURY GERMAN EMIGRANTS TOOK THEM TO THE UNITED STATES. ALTHOUGH HAMBURGERS WERE VERY POPULAR WITH SUCH FAMILIES, IT WASN'T UNTIL THE 1960's THAT THEY BECAME SO POPULAR. IN FACT, HAMBURGERS APPEAR TO BE GETTING LARGER AND LARGER. IN 1972, AUSTRALIANS COOKED A HAMBURGER THAT WAS 4.2m (14ft) IN CIRCUMFERENCE AND CONTAINED 76Kg (173 lbs) OF BEEF. NEXT TIME YOU SINK YOUR TEETH INTO A BIG MAC, THINK OF THE HISTORY YOU ARE MUNCHING!

Ken Dodd's DIDDYMEN


DRIVE WITH CARE
FRED'S MOTORING SCHOOL – TAKE THIS WEEK'S CRASH COURSE
YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED, OFFICER... THAT LITTLE BALD CHAP RAN OUT IN FRONT OF ME!
MINIBUS
HMM!
BMP
TUT! TUT! TUT! THE DIDDY DRIVERS OF KNOTTY ASH ARE DREADFUL!
NAG! NAG! NAG!
YOU DRIVE ME UP THE WALL!
SCREWDRIVER
ZEBRA CROSSING
MOUSETRAP

CAN'T HAVE THE KIDS RIDING THEIR BIKES ON THE STREETS WITH ALL THESE ROTTEN DRIVERS ABOUT!
BY ORDER KIDS MUST KEEP OFF THE STREETS



SO...
IF WE HAVE TO PLAY AT HOME WE'D BETTER BUY SOME TOYS TO KEEP US ENTERTAINED!
AT HOME THE KIDS CAUSE CHAOS...
YAAAH!
WHOOPS! SORRY, MUM...
NEXT DOOR...
OH, DEAR..MAYBE PLAYING INDOORS ISN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA!
NEEYAARGH!
SO...
I NEARLY BROKE MY BACK BECAUSE OF MY KIDS TOY!
ME, TOO! LET'S MARCH ON THE TOWN HALL AND DEMAND THAT THE TOY SHOP BE CLOSED DOWN!
MINUTES LATER...
STOP KIDS BEING CARELESS
CLOSE DIDDY TOY SHOP
WE WANT TO SPEAK TO THE MAYOR!
OOH, DEAR! THE MAYOR'S MORE BATTERED THAN WE ARE!
PITY YOU WEREN'T SO OBSERVANT WHEN YOU RAN ME OVER THIS MORNING!
HUH! YOU ADULTS HAVE A NERVE MOANING ABOUT THE KIDS! YOUR TERRIBLE DRIVING IS THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.. I WAS HIT THREE TIMES TODAY BY GROWN-UPS!
SHAME!
LUCKILY I'VE A PLAN WHICH WILL STOP ACCIDENTS ON THE ROAD AND IN THE HOME!
HURRAH!
I'VE BEEN TOYING WITH THIS IDEA FOR A WHILE... IT'S CERTAINLY MADE THINGS SAFER! HE! HE!

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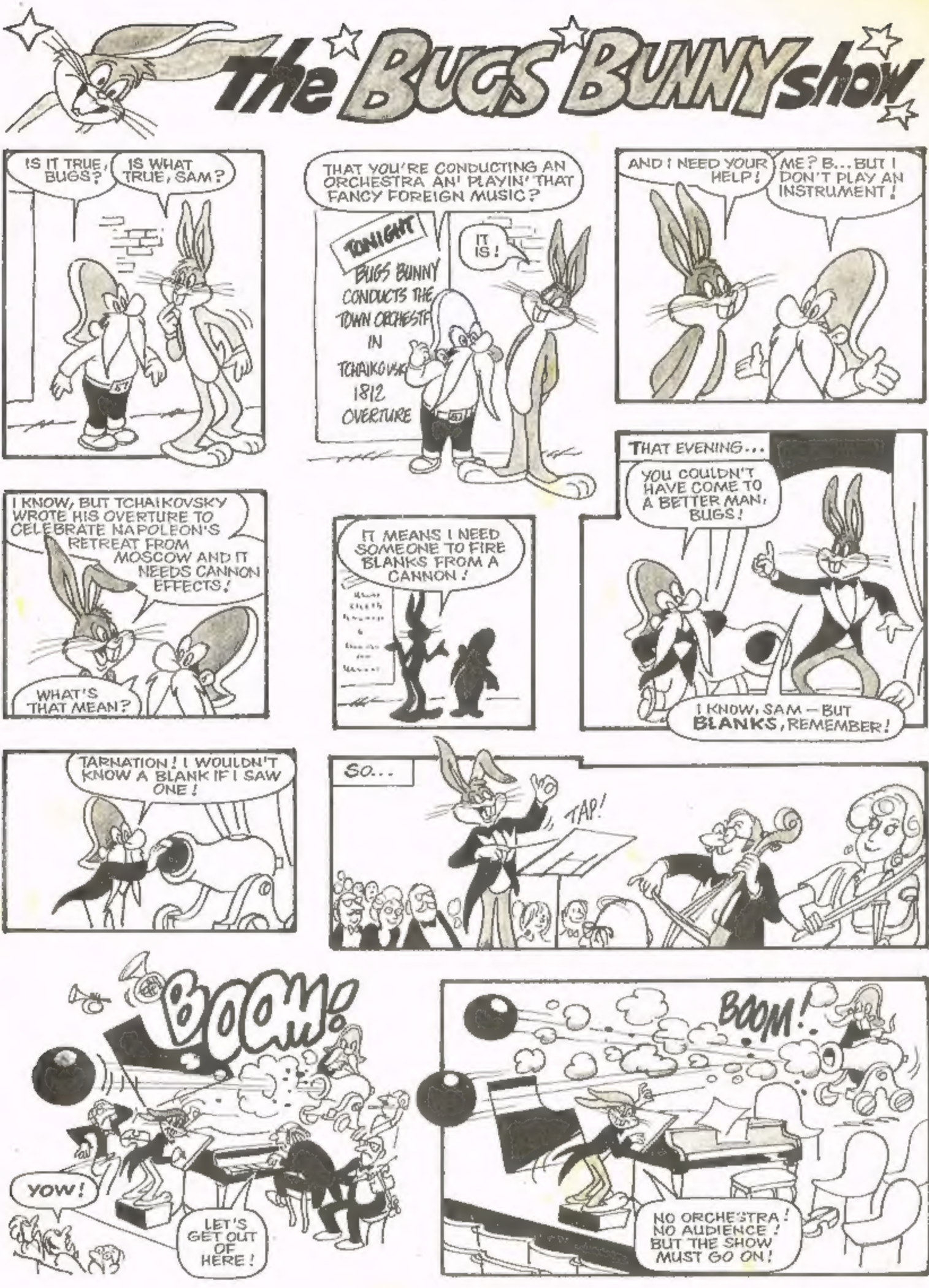
The BUGS BUNNY show
IS IT TRUE, BUGS?
IS WHAT TRUE, SAM?
THAT YOU'RE CONDUCTING AN ORCHESTRA AN' PLAYIN' THAT FANCY FOREIGN MUSIC?
TONIGHT
BUGS BUNNY CONDUCTS THE TOWN ORCHESTRA IN TCHAIKOVSKY 1812 OVERTURE
IT IS!
AND I NEED YOUR HELP!
ME? B... BUT I DON'T PLAY AN INSTRUMENT!
I KNOW, BUT TCHAIKOVSKY WROTE HIS OVERTURE TO CELEBRATE NAPOLEON'S RETREAT FROM MOSCOW AND IT NEEDS CANNON EFFECTS!
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
IT MEANS I NEED SOMEONE TO FIRE BLANKS FROM A CANNON!
THAT EVENING...
YOU COULDN'T HAVE COME TO A BETTER MAN, BUGS!
I KNOW, SAM — BUT BLANKS, REMEMBER!
TARNATION! I WOULDN'T KNOW A BLANK IF I SAW ONE!
SO...
TAP!
BOOM!
YOW!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
BOOM!
NO ORCHESTRA! NO AUDIENCE! BUT THE SHOW MUST GO ON!
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Mr. Merlin

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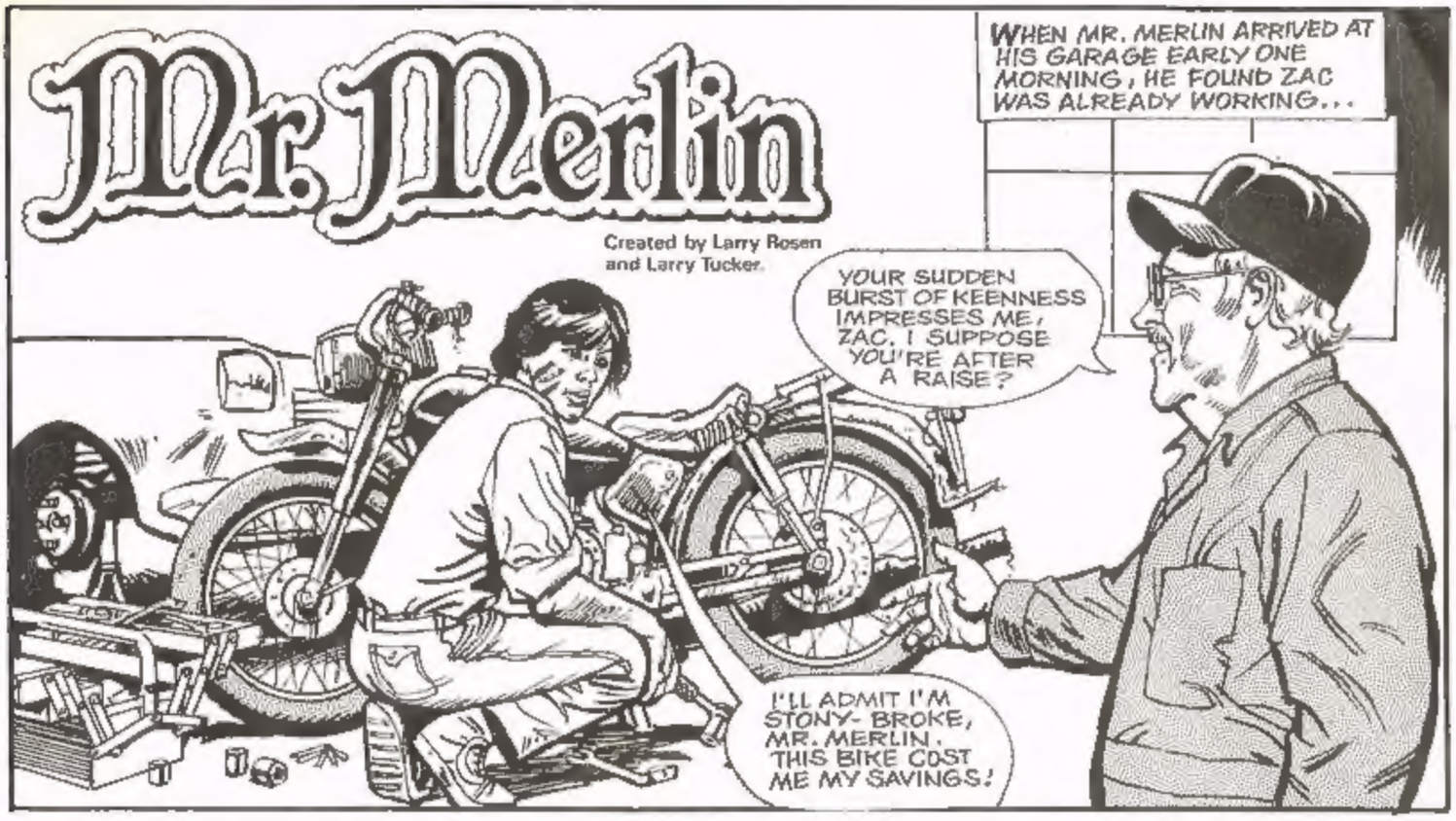
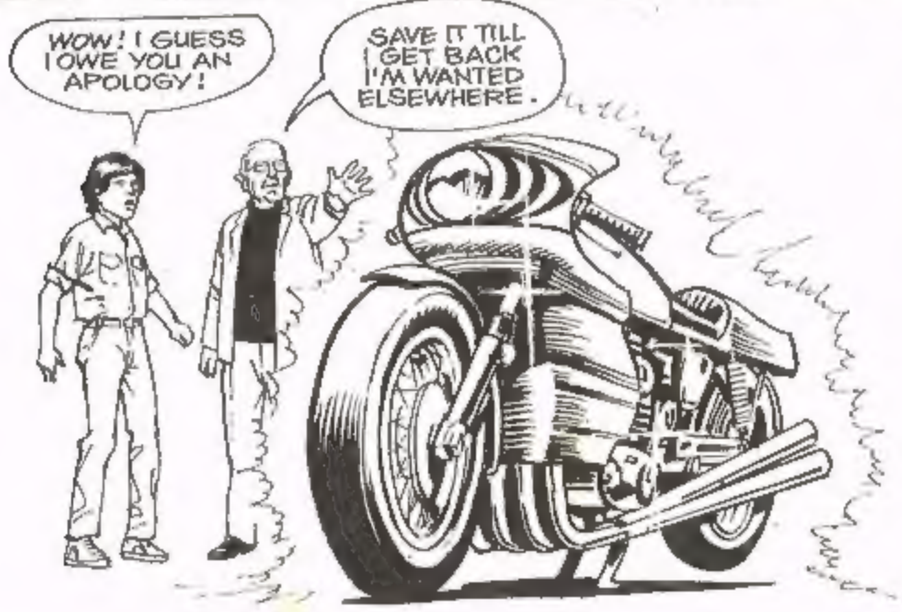
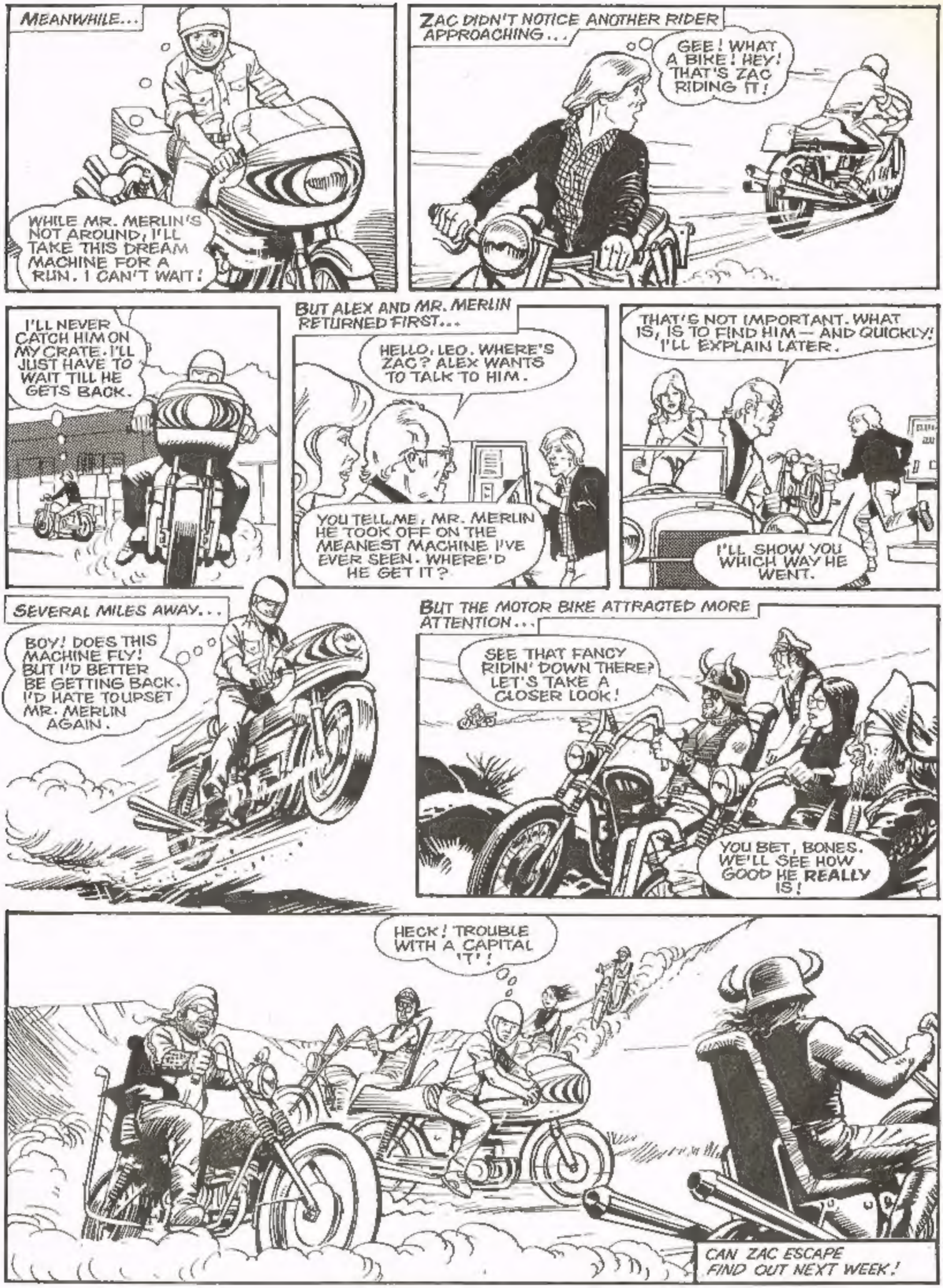

WHEN MR. MERLIN ARRIVED AT HIS GARAGE EARLY ONE MORNING, HE FOUND ZAC WAS ALREADY WORKING...
YOUR SUDDEN BURST OF KEENNESS IMPRESSES ME, ZAC. I SUPPOSE YOU'RE AFTER A RAISE?
I'LL ADMIT I'M STONY- BROKE, MR. MERLIN. THIS BIKE COST ME MY SAVINGS!

I THOUGHT SOME CUSTOMER HAD LEFT IT AS SCRAP. I'M AFRAID YOU'VE REALLY BEEN TAKEN FOR A RIDE, ZAC.
WRONG, MR. MERLIN. IT JUST NEEDED A TUNE UP. WATCH...



ALEX— MERLIN'S GO-BETWEEN WITH THE 'HIGHER POWERS' — ARRIVED IN THE CRYSTAL ROOM...
HOW'S ZAC GETTING ON AS YOUR APPRENTICE? I'VE BEEN ASKED TO REPORT.
I'VE JUST GIVEN HIM A LESSON IN MAGIC THIS MORNING, ALEX. SOMETIMES, HE TRIES MY PATIENCE.


MEANWHILE...
WHILE MR. MERLIN'S NOT AROUND, I'LL TAKE THIS DREAM MACHINE FOR A RUN. I CAN'T WAIT!
ZAC DIDN'T NOTICE ANOTHER RIDER APPROACHING...
GEE! WHAT A BIKE! HEY! THAT'S ZAC RIDING IT!
I'LL NEVER CATCH HIM ON MY CRATE. I'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT TILL HE GETS BACK.
BUT ALEX AND MR. MERLIN RETURNED FIRST...
HELLO, LEO. WHERE'S ZAC? ALEX WANTS TO TALK TO HIM.
YOU TELL ME, MR. MERLIN HE TOOK OFF ON THE MEANEST MACHINE I'VE EVER SEEN. WHERE'D HE GET IT?
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT. WHAT IS, IS TO FIND HIM — AND QUICKLY! I'LL EXPLAIN LATER.
I'LL SHOW YOU WHICH WAY HE WENT.
SEVERAL MILES AWAY...
BOY! DOES THIS MACHINE FLY! BUT I'D BETTER BE GETTING BACK. I'D HATE TO UPSET MR. MERLIN AGAIN.
BUT THE MOTOR BIKE ATTRACTED MORE ATTENTION...
SEE THAT FANCY RIDIN' DOWN THERE? LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!
YOU BET, BONES. WE'LL SEE HOW GOOD HE REALLY IS!
HECK! TROUBLE WITH A CAPITAL 'T'!
CAN ZAC ESCAPE FIND OUT NEXT WEEK!
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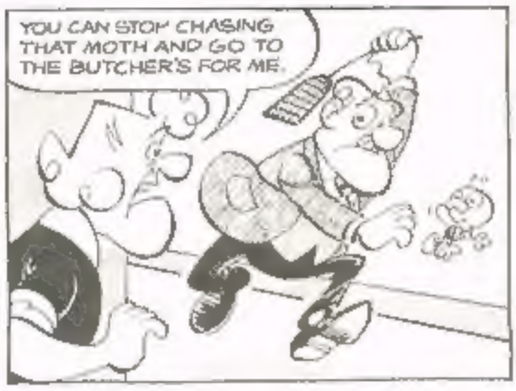
MIGHTY MOTH


YOU CAN STOP CHASING THAT MOTH AND GO TO THE BUTCHER'S FOR ME.

USE COUSIN PERCY'S SHOP, HE USUALLY TAKES A FEW PENCE OFF FOR US.

NEVER MIND, PAD BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!
P. CHOP
FAMILY BUTCHER
GRR!

HELLO, COUSIN, JUST THE CHAP I WANTED TO SEE. I'VE GOT TO NIP OUT FOR HALF-AN-HOUR. SERVE IN THE SHOP WHILE I'M AWAY, WILL YOU?

HANG UP YOUR COAT AND PUT ON AN APRON. I WON'T BE LONG.

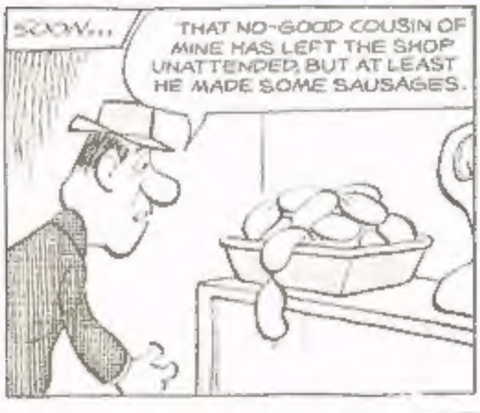
HEH! HEH! AS THERE ARE NO CUSTOMERS, I'LL SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY.

CURSES! SOMEBODY WANTS SERVING.

WHILE DAD'S BUSY, I'LL PUT HIS JACKET IN THE SAUSAGE MACHINE.
WHIRR!

LOOK, DAD! TASTY TWEED SAUSAGES.
OH, NO!

YOU LITTLE ROTTER! WAIT TILL I GET HOLD OF YOU!


SCOOV...
THAT NO-GOOD COUSIN OF MINE HAS LEFT THE SHOP UNATTENDED, BUT AT LEAST HE MADE SOME SAUSAGES.

TWO POUNDS OF SAUSAGES, MADAM? CERTAINLY.
I'LL HAVE A POUND.
ME, TOO!

BUT...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE SAUSAGES?
SOLD THEM, OF COURSE.

SOLD THEM? THEY WERE MADE OUT OF MY OLD JACKET!
WHAT?

I THINK I'D BETTER BE GOING.
OH, NO, YOU DON'T! YOU'LL STAY HERE FOR THE REST OF THE DAY!

SO...
...TERRIBLE SAUSAGES...
...MONEY BACK...
POOR OLD DAD'S LIKE THE SAUSAGES, HE'S NOT VERY THICK-SKINNED!
MY HUSBAND NEARLY CHOKED!

THE PINK PANTHER
AFTER THREE MONTHS OF DIGGING, MY TUNNEL'S NEARLY FINISHED!
PLAN
HERE GOES. TWO MORE YARDS TO DIG AND I'LL BE OUT OF JAIL!
PLAN
LATER...
WHERE'S PINK PANTHER GOT TO?
THIS LOOKS LIKE A MAP. I'D BETTER TAKE IT TO THE GOVERNOR!
PINK PANTHER IS MISSING FROM HIS CELL, SIR, AND I FOUND THIS!
PLAN
H'MM! THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A PLAN FOR A TUNNEL.
WHAT LESSONS HAS HE BEEN ATTENDING AT EVENING CLASSES?
FLOWER ARRANGING AND JUDO, SIR.
PLAN
PUT HIM DOWN FOR THE NAVIGATION CLASS. NEXT TERM.
YES, SIR.
BUT WHAT MAKES YOU THINK WE'LL SEE HIM AGAIN? HE'S PROBABLY ESCAPED!
I DON'T THINK SO. I'M PRETTY GOOD AT MAP READING, AND...
BONK! CHIP CRUNCH!
FREE AT LAST!
GOOD MORNING, NUMBER 2861242!
IT'S THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE! HOW DID I GET HERE?
WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR TWO WEEKS IN SOLITARY, I'VE PUT YOU DOWN FOR NAVIGATION CLASSES. THEN YOU MIGHT KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST!
PLAN
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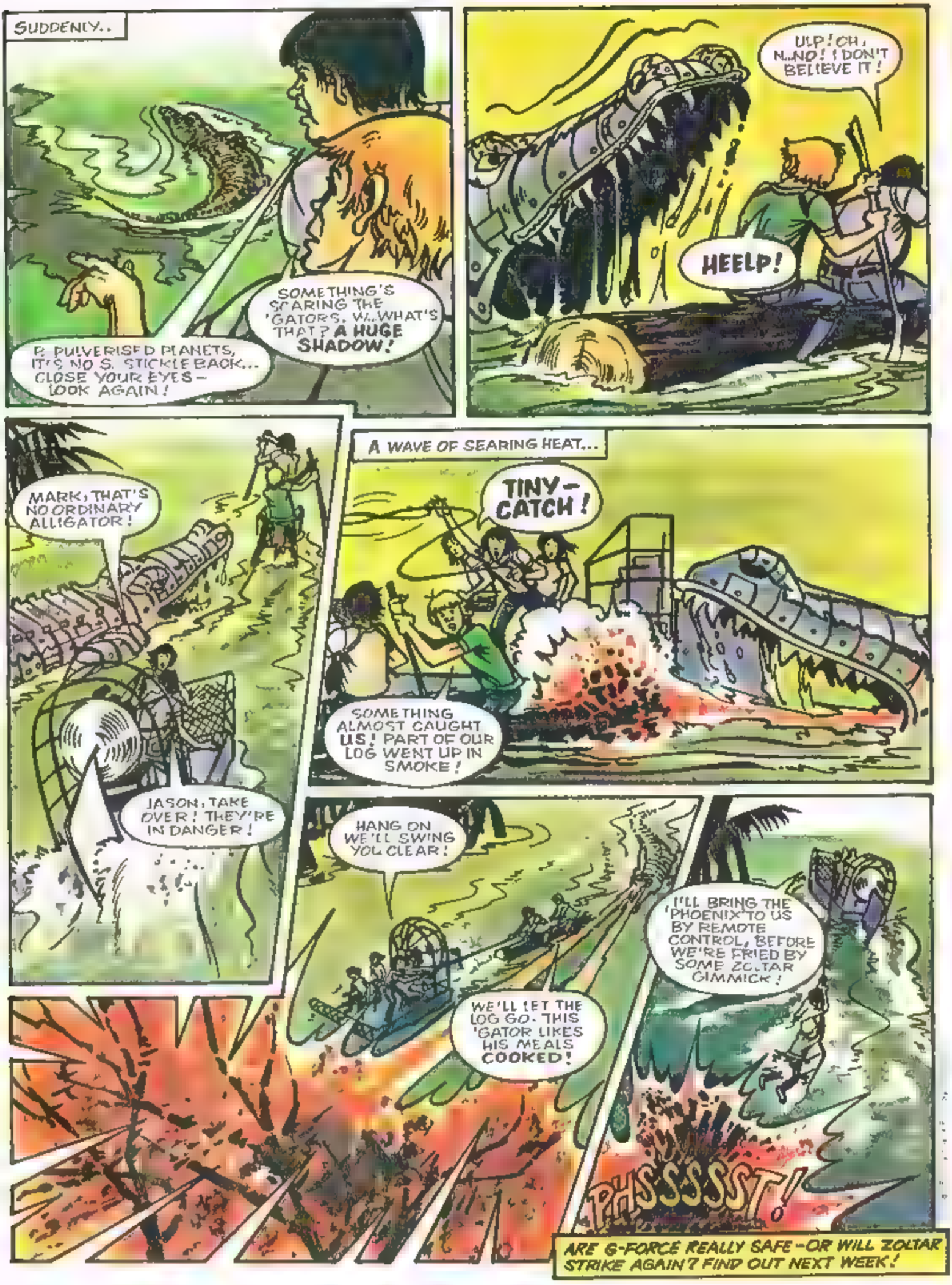
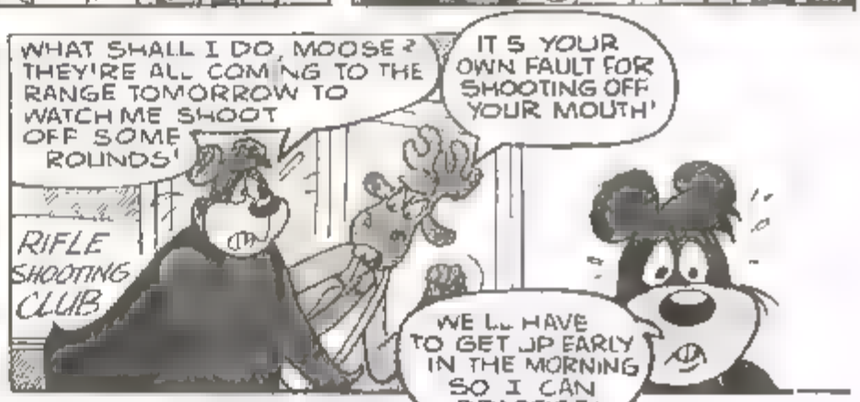
BATTLE OF THE PLANETS

G-FORCE, FIVE YOUNGSTERS WITH SUPER-POWERS, WERE INVESTIGATING SWAMPLAND WHERE MINOR HURRICANES HAD STIRRED UP THE ALLIGATORS. THEY SUSPECTED THAT EARTH'S ARCH-ENEMY, ZOLTAR, MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED...
MARK, WATCH IT! THE FREAK HURRICANE'S ON US!
THERE WAS NO WARNING. IT CAME FROM NOWHERE!
AAAHH! WE'VE CAPSIZED!
SWIM, KEYOP, SWIM! THOSE ALLIGATORS AREN'T VEGETARIANS.
ALLIGATORS DON'T EAT ANDROIDS— BLEEP! — I HOPE.
IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY WON'T TRY.
THEY DID TRY!
SNAP!
SCALY HORROR! IT ALMOST HAD ME FOR A SANDWICH.
WHERE ARE TINY AND KEYOP? YOU DON'T THINK...?
OF COURSE NOT, THEY'LL TURN UP. KEEP SHOUTING!
TINY! KEYOP!
THEY'RE OVER THERE! LET'S PADDLE THIS TO REACH THEM. THE 'GATORS SEEM TO HAVE GONE.
I'M NOT DANGLING MY LEGS DOWN.


SUDDENLY..
SOMETHING'S SCARING THE 'GATORS. W...WHAT'S THAT? A HUGE SHADOW!
P. PULVERISED PLANETS, IT'S NO S. STICKLEBACK... CLOSE YOUR EYES – LOOK AGAIN!
ULP! OH, N...NO! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
HEELP!
MARK, THAT'S NO ORDINARY ALLIGATOR!
JASON, TAKE OVER! THEY'RE IN DANGER!
A WAVE OF SEARING HEAT...
TINY– CATCH!
SOMETHING ALMOST CAUGHT US! PART OF OUR LOG WENT UP IN SMOKE!
HANG ON WE'LL SWING YOU CLEAR!
WE'LL LET THE LOG GO. THIS 'GATOR LIKES HIS MEALS COOKED!
I'LL BRING THE 'PHOENIX' TO US BY REMOTE CONTROL, BEFORE WE'RE FRIED BY SOME ZOLTAR GIMMICK!
PHSSSSST!
ARE G-FORCE REALLY SAFE – OR WILL ZOLTAR STRIKE AGAIN? FIND OUT NEXT WEEK!

BARNEY BEAR

AT THE RIFLE-SHOOTING CLUB
MANY'S THE TIME I'VE SCORED A MAXIMUM 'BLAH' BLAH!
WHEN IT COMES TO SMALL-BORE RIFLE SHOOTING, BARNEY'S A B.I.G. BORE!
I'VE SCORED TWENTY BULLS ONE AFTER THE OTHER - BANG-BANG-BANG!
THE TROUBLE IS HE'S NEVER FIRED A RIFLE IN HIS LIFE!


WHAT SHALL I DO, MOOSE? THEY'RE ALL COMING TO THE RANGE TOMORROW TO WATCH ME SHOOT OFF SOME ROUNDS!
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR SHOOTING OFF YOUR MOUTH!
RIFLE SHOOTING CLUB
WE'LL HAVE TO GET UP EARLY IN THE MORNING SO I CAN PRACTISE!

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Tom and Jerry
LATER
LOOKS LIKE TOM'S GET A HIS FISHING IDEA ALREADY
YUM YUM I COULD GET HOOKED ON THIS CHEESE
I WONDER IF TOM WOULD LIKE TO CATCH A DOG FISH?
ZZZZ
THIS IS WHAT I CALL A WORKING VACATION OR A HAUL DAY HEE HEE!
TUG! TUG!
A BITE!
BOMP!
CRASH!
TOM GOT A BITE AL RIGHT — IN FACT HE GOT QUITE A FEW
YEEOW!
BITE! BITE! BITE!

BUZBY
BUZBY
IT'S SMASHING SITTING OUT IN THE GARDEN!
BUZBY
BUZBY
OH, NO! THE BIG CHAP NEXT DOOR HAS LIT A BONFIRE!
HE'S TOO TOUGH FOR ME TO ARGUE WITH FACE-TO-FACE!
BUZBY
I'M A BIT BRAVER ON THE TELEPHONE!
BUZBY
SO... OI, YOU! THIS IS BUZBY, WHAT'S THE IDEA OF LIGHTING A BONFIRE IN YOUR GARDEN ON A NICE DAY?
BUZBY
BONFIRE? I HAVEN'T LIT A BONFIRE!
YEEK! MY PIGEON HUT IS ON FIRE!
IT'S A GOOD THING MY PIGEONS ARE ALL OUT!
SOON... THEY'RE COMING BACK AND THERE'S NOWHERE FOR THEM TO STAY!
ER, BUZBY! WOULD YOU MIND LOOKING AFTER MY PIGEONS WHILE I RE-BUILD THEIR HUT?
OKAY!
I THINK I PREFER BONFIRE SMOKE TO PIGEONS!
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LETTERS

Dear Ed,
When my mum was a nurse in the children's ward a boy came up to her and said, "Can you please open my bottle of fizz for me?" She had seen the boy shaking the bottle up before he spoke to her so she opened it up facing him and all the fizz went all over him!

From Peter LeFevre, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Dear Editor,
'M A SCARECROW

I m a scarecrow
And I m very bold
I scare off birds.
But I m very old

I m left out here,
Al night and day
And I'm eft out here,
In sun and rain

But I'm a scarecrow
And I m very bold
I scare off birds,
But I'm very old.

I've got a coat,
And 've got a sh rt.
And ,'ve got trousers,
Covered a l in dirt

But I m a scarecrow
And I'm very bold
I do not care if
I m hot or cold

From Daniele Clarke, Charvil

★STAR LETTER

Dear Editor,
Last week when my little brother was ready for bed and dressed in his baby-grow, my grandpa, who likes gardening, came into the room and said, "I see Philip has his growbag on!" Nana said "He's not a tomato!" We all laughed

From Richard Jones, Rugeley.

Dear Editor,
One day I was sitting on a train beside a boy who had his little brother with him. The litt e boy wh spered something to his brother, who then told him not to whisper as it was rude The litt e boy then sa d in a loud voice, "Don't you think that woman in front has a big nose?"

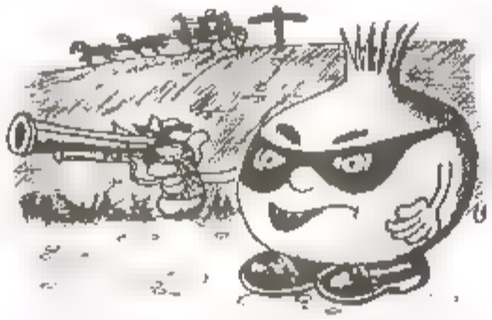
Adam Gersch, Ilford.

LAUGHS

Dear Ed,
Q What's yellow and stupid?
A. Thick custard

Q What kind of lights did Noah have in h s ark?
A. Flood ights!

Q What do you get if you cross a highwayman with a vegetable?
A. Dick Turnip!



From Corrina Bennet, Cadishead.

Dear Editor,
Q. Why do they put telephone wires on poles?
A. To keep up the conversation

Q Why are all the buses stopping tomorrow?
A. To let all the people off, of course

From Kenneth Murray, Clydebank.

Dear Ed,
Q Why did the Statue of Liberty stand in New York harbour?
A. Because she cou dn't sit down

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, I keep thinking I'm a pop singer
Doctor: Nurse, pass me th s patient s records!

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, I keep on thinking I'm a goat.
Doctor: Stop butting in when I'm talking!

Elizabeth Martin, London.

Dear Editor,
Q Why do ghosts wa k at midnight?
A. Because they miss the last bus

Q. Why are the Middle Ages called the Dark Ages?
A. Because there were so many knights in them!

Q What two animals are always with you?
A. Your calves

Q What do you cal a skeleton in a kilt?
A. Bony Prince Charlie

From Amar Sand, London.

Dear Editor,
Q. What goes "Oom, Oom"?
A. A cow running backwards

Q. What does an electric ee taste ike?
A. SHOCKING

Q What's the name for Chinese bubble-gum?
A. Kung Chew

From Simon Walsh, Cudworth.

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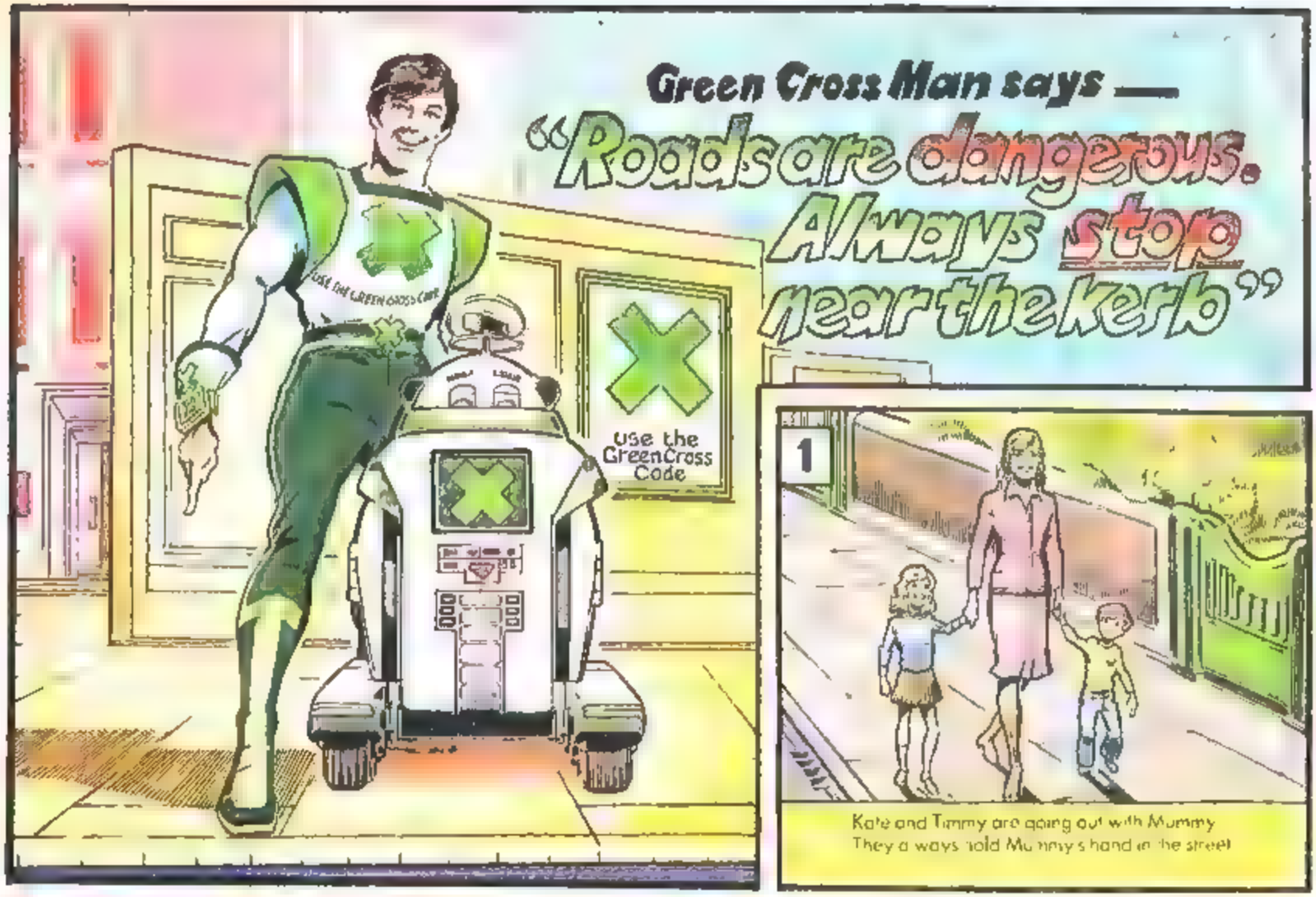
Green Cross Man says —
"Roads are dangerous. Always stop near the kerb"
USE THE GREEN CROSS CODE
Use the Green Cross Code

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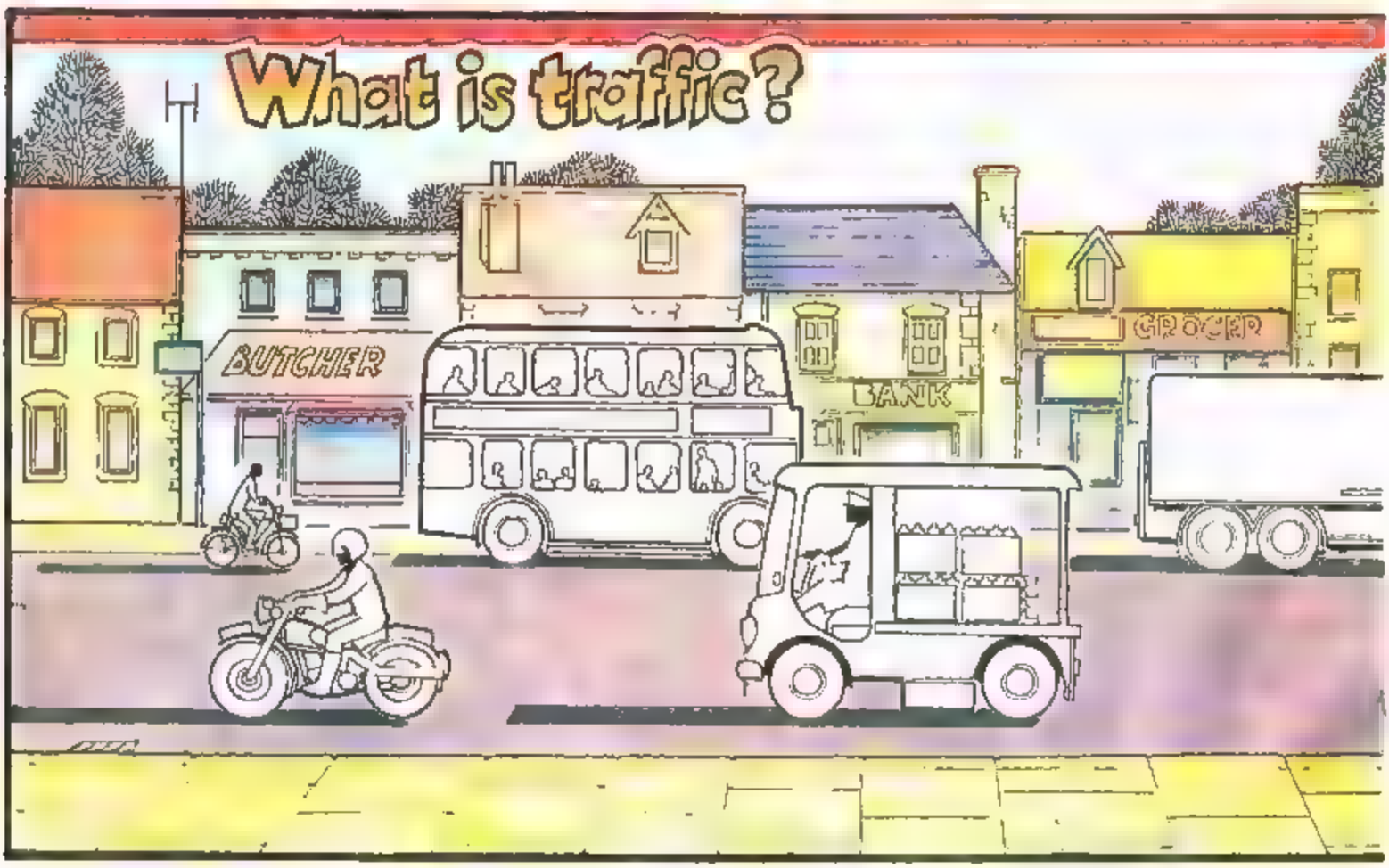
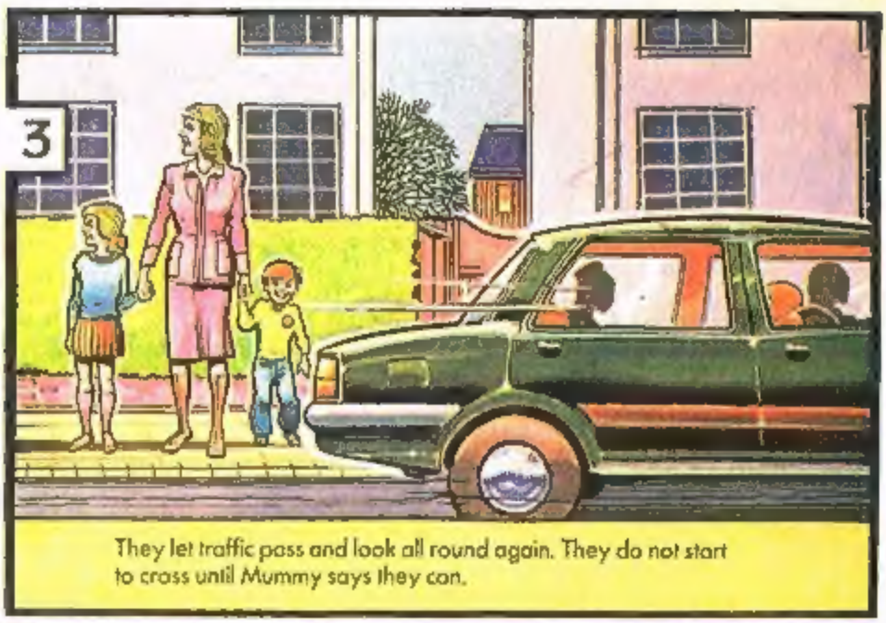
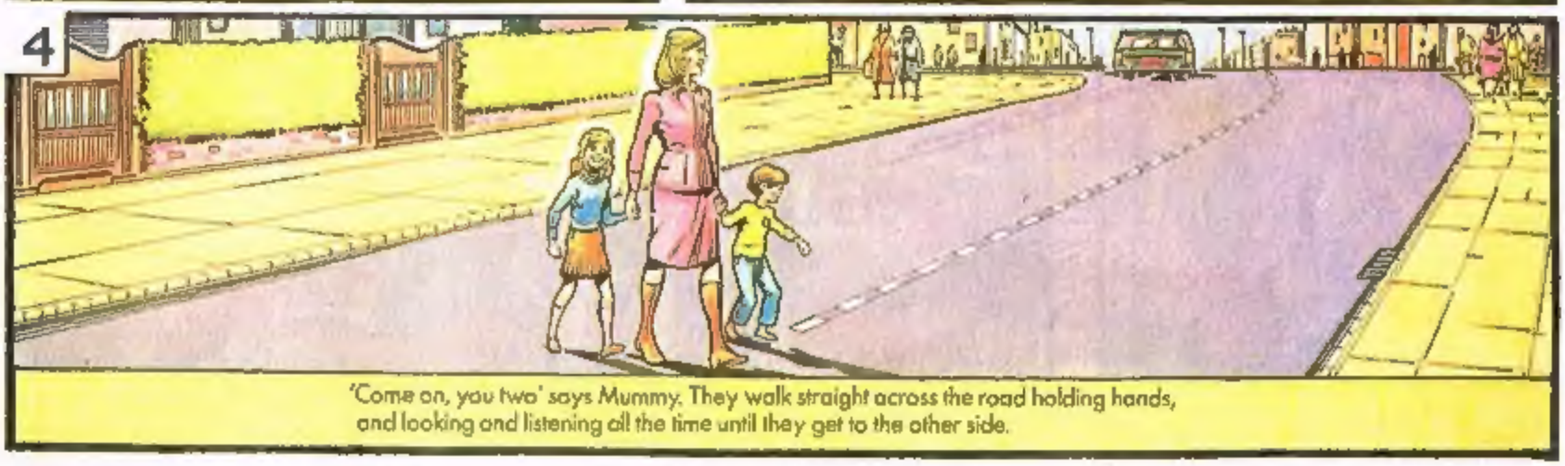
Kate and Timmy are going out with Mummy.
They always hold Mummy's hand in the street.


What is traffic?
BUTCHER
BANK
GROCER

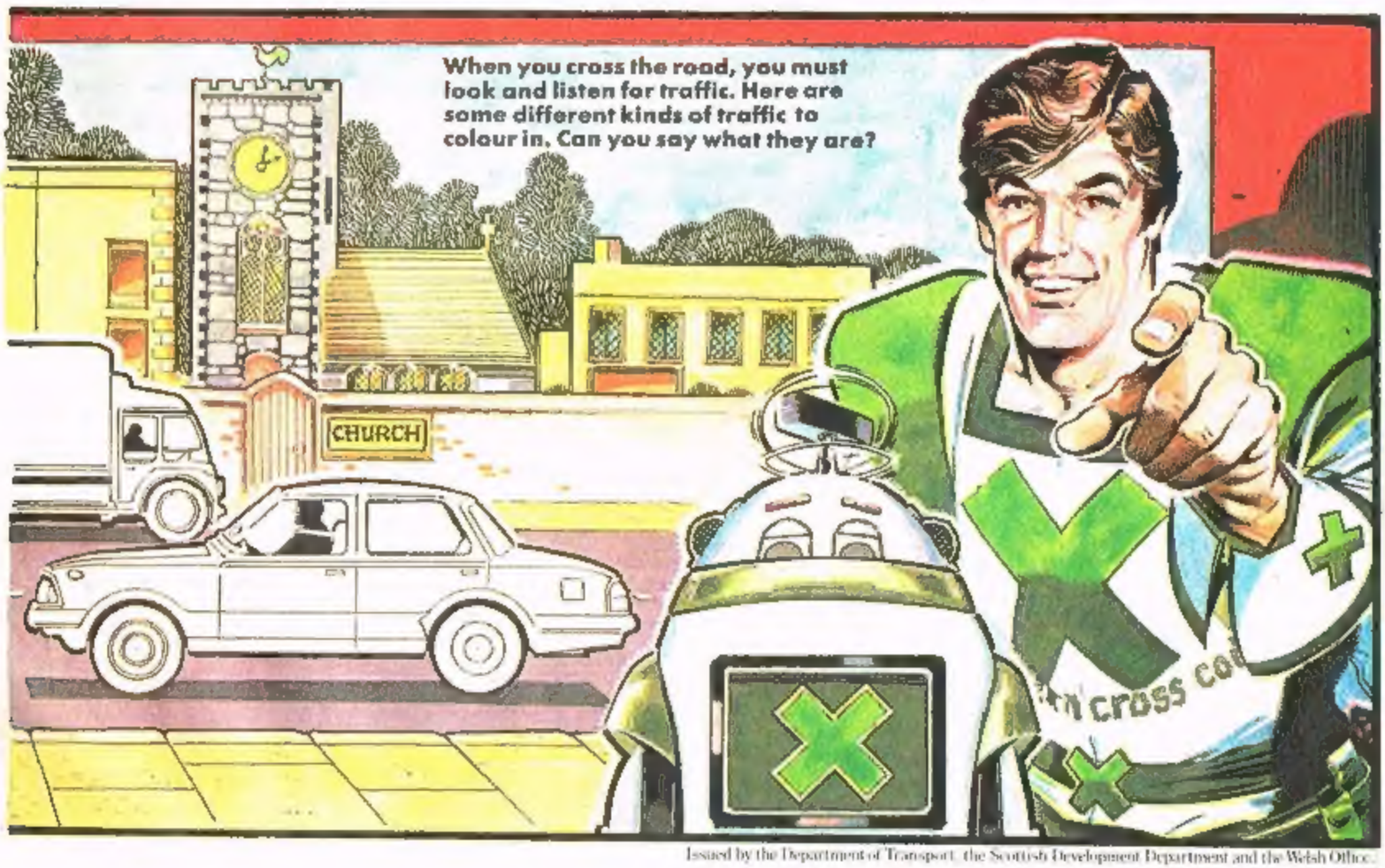
Mummy says she is going to cross the road using the Green Cross Code. Kate and Timmy stop near the kerb with her. They look all round and listen for traffic.



They let traffic pass and look all round again. They do not start to cross until Mummy says they can.



'Come on, you two' says Mummy. They walk straight across the road holding hands, and looking and listening all the time until they get to the other side.


When you cross the road, you must look and listen for traffic. Here are some different kinds of traffic to colour in. Can you say what they are?
CHURCH

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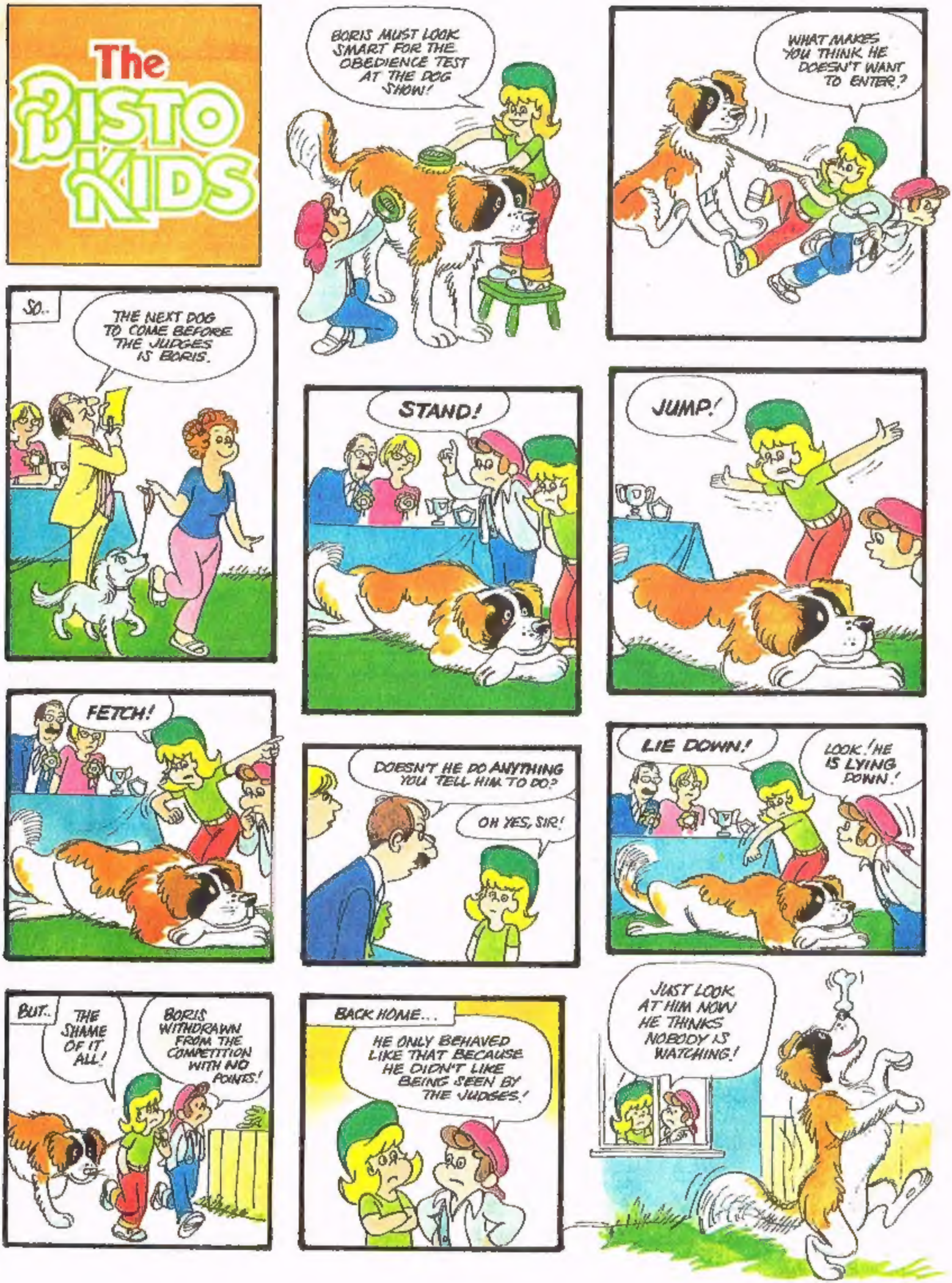
The BISTO KIDS
BORIS MUST LOOK SMART FOR THE OBEDIENCE TEST AT THE DOG SHOW!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK HE DOESN'T WANT TO ENTER?
SO..
THE NEXT DOG TO COME BEFORE THE JUDGES IS BORIS.
STAND!
JUMP!
FETCH!
DOESN'T HE DO ANYTHING YOU TELL HIM TO DO?
OH YES, SIR!
LIE DOWN!
LOOK! HE IS LYING DOWN!
BUT..
THE SHAME OF IT ALL!
BORIS WITHDRAWN FROM THE COMPETITION WITH NO POINTS!
BACK HOME...
HE ONLY BEHAVED LIKE THAT BECAUSE HE DIDN'T LIKE BEING SEEN BY THE JUDGES!
JUST LOOK AT HIM NOW HE THINKS NOBODY IS WATCHING!
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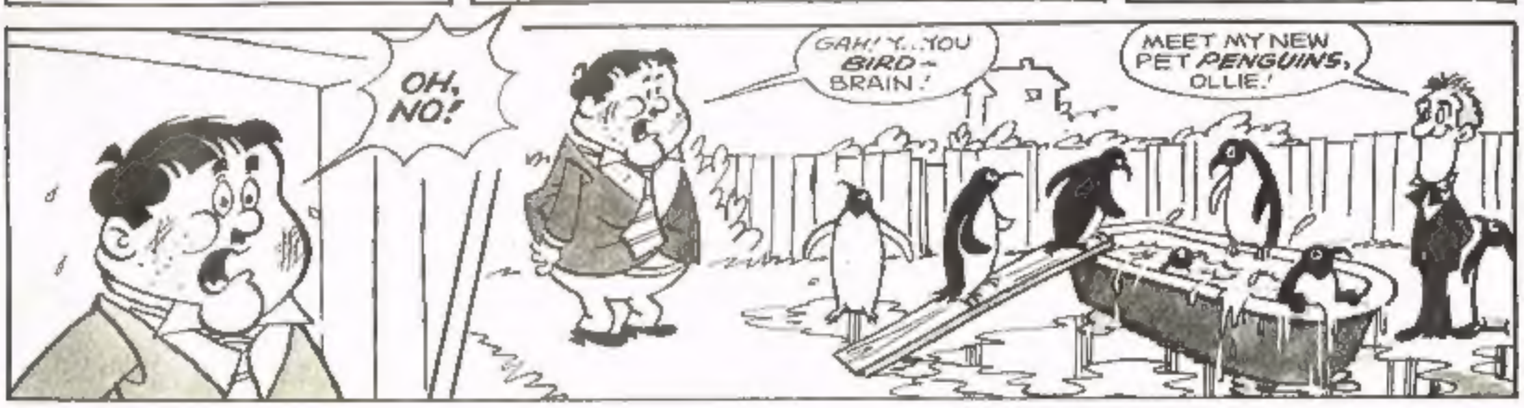
LAUREL and HARDY

CAN I MAKE A BIRD-BATH IN THE GARDEN FOR MY NEW PETS, OLLIE?
CERTAINLY, STANLEY! ALWAYS GLAD TO SEE SOMEONE HELP OUR LITTLE FEATHERED FRIENDS!



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POPEYE
SPINACH
POPEYE! BRUTUS HAS PICKED THOSE NICE CABBAGES I'VE BEEN GROWING IN THE GARDEN!
HE HAS, HUH?
LUCKY MY SPINACH COMES IN CANS!
NOW I'LL DEAL WITH THAT NO-GOOD BRUTUS!
SO! CAUGHT YA WITH OLIVE'S CABBAGES!
DON'T YOU DARE LAY A FINGER ON ME, POPEYE!
HOW YA GONNA STOP ME?
I'VE GOT MYSELF A GUARD DOG!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WHISTLE AND HE'LL BE AT YOU IN A FLASH!
NO MANGY POOCH IS GONNA STOP ME!
ERK!
ERRGH! GLUG!
IF YOU LIKES CABBAGES SO MUCH, YOU CAN HAVE 'EM!
EVER TRIED WHISTLIN' WITH A MOUTH FULL OF RAW CABBAGE?
PHHHF!
PHHHF!
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